



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 3654
PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67795

Kiyoo MORITA

Appln. No.: 10/020,956

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2003, once extended to December 12, 2003, by a Petition for a one month Extension of Time, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 presently are pending in the Application. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Kim and SPE Matecki for conducting a personal interview on November 21, 2003. The substance of the interview is discussed in detail below.